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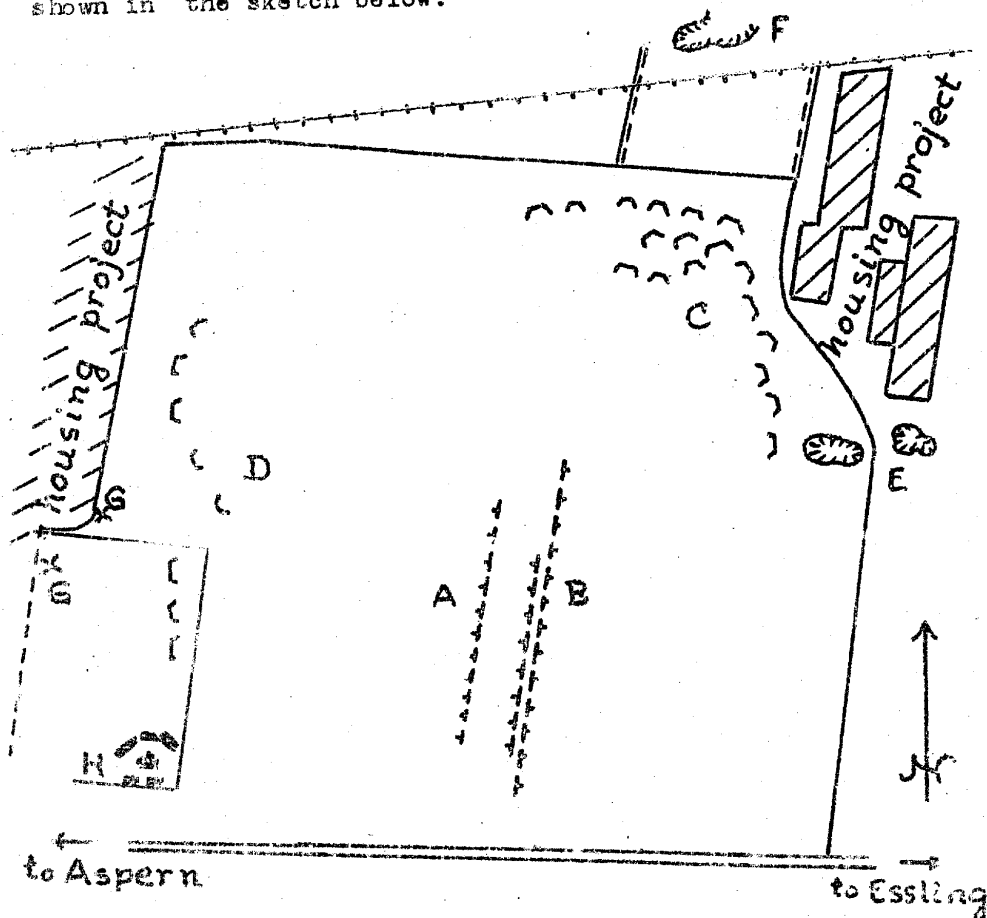
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1. Observations at the Aspern airfield on 20 December 1952 are shown in the sketch below:



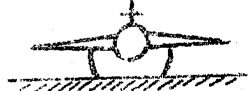
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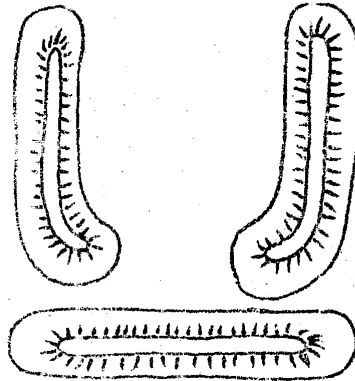
2. The to the above sketch is as follows:

A. A group of approximately 17 jet fighters of a midwing monoplane type. Shown below is a sketch of the plane seen from the front end.



B. A group of approximately 40 twin-engine monoplanes parked nose-to-nose. Outstanding features of the planes were the swept back wings with tapered trailing edges, a double tail, and swept back horizontal stabilizer.

C. A group of 25 aircraft revetments constructed of gravel and packed close together, with 45-degree slopes, and approximately 12 feet high and three feet wide at the top. (See sketch below.) An armed enlisted man was observed patrolling the area at 1530 hours.



D. A second group of approximately 12 aircraft revetments of the same type as shown above.

E. and F. Gravel pits from which gravel was being hauled to the revetments.

G. Hand-painted signboards reading "Passage Permitted Without Further Notice" ("Durchgang bis auf weiteres gestattet").

H. Barbed wire.

3. The sound of jet fighters flying above the clouds was heard occasionally.

4. Loud detonations were heard at 1430 and 1600 hours from a northerly direction.

5. A large number of airforce personnel including enlisted men were to be stationed in the town of Aspern. Soviet personnel working at the Aspern base are billeted in Essling. The street car line between Aspern and Essling is the regular means of transportation to and from the Aspern base and is used by Soviet personnel free of charge.

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6. The following Soviet vehicle [REDACTED] were noted in Aspern:

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[REDACTED] truck with airforce driver and armed  
airforce enlisted men passengers

[REDACTED] truck loaded with two three-bladed  
propellers

[REDACTED] truck with airforce driver

[REDACTED] truck; parked at the airdrome

[REDACTED] sedan with military driver.

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